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Indiana's Enhanced 9-1-1 Network Testing National 9-1-1 System for the U.S. Department of Transportation

National network testing in Kosciusko County highlighted in USA TODAY article

WARSAW (July 10, 2008) – State Treasurer Richard Mourdock, Chairman of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board (Wireless Board), was pleased to announce that the Indiana Enhanced 9-1-1 (IN9-1-1) network was selected as one of five participants to test the Next Generation 9-1-1(NG9-1-1) Proof of Concept Initiative for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) .

“As the Chairman of the Wireless Board, I am extremely pleased that our Indiana Enhanced 9-1-1 network was selected to help test the Next Generation 9-1-1 Proof of Concept Initiative for the U.S. Department of Transportation,” explained Treasurer Mourdock. “Our system was selected because Indiana is at the forefront of the next generation of technology when it comes to wireless emergency 9-1-1 services.”

The Wireless Board is responsible for the oversight of the IN9-1-1 network, which routes all wireless emergency 9-1-1 calls made in Indiana to the nearest Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The PSAP is responsible for notifying local emergency authorities and services. For the testing of the NG9-1-1 Proof of Concept, the Wireless Board used the Kosciusko County Emergency Communication Department located in Warsaw, Indiana. Kosciusko County was selected as 1 of 5 PSAPs in the country to conduct this demonstration.

On behalf of the U.S. DOT, the IN9-1-1 network helped test the following for the NG9-1-1 Proof of Concept Initiative:

- The ability of PSAPs to receive voice, video, text, and data
- Improving 9-1-1 access for deaf/hearing impaired
- 9-1-1 call routing and call transfer based on caller's location

“Indiana can certainly be proud that one of its PSAPs was selected to test this vital system,” stated Treasurer Mourdock. “The Wireless Board will continue to improve our Indiana Enhanced 9-1-1 networks in order to save Hoosier lives.”

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USA Today article can be found at www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2008-07-08-new-911_N.htm

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